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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of)
Prof. Richard C. Willson III)Examiner Michael D.
and Dr. Jason Murphy) Burkhart
Serial No.: **09/994,701**)
Filed: 11/06/2001) 571 272 2915
Nucleic Acid ...Metal Affinity)
Chromatography)
Priority: Provis 60/246,292) Burkhart)Room____
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Response Due: **27 October 2006 (with One-Month
Extension]**

Commissioner for Patents
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SECOND ACTION ON THE
MERITS**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 27 June 2006, consideration of the following remarks is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies
that this Document has been filed
via fax to 571-273-8300 Central Fax
of the USPTO on 27 October 2006 (37
CFR 1.10).

Applicants' Attorney herein responds to the above Office Action. An additional fee is believed due as there are presented 3 dependent additions to the total number of claims (22) as presented in the previous response.